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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BM

SUBJECT: 57 MM AMMUNITION FOR BURMA

1. REQUEST EMBASSY/JUSMAG REACTION ASAP TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DIVERTING 8,200 ROUNDS (OR MORE) OF 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AMMUNITION FROM THE 38,200 ROUNDS TOTAL IN FMS CASE UGW. IF DIVERTED, THIS AMMUNITION COULD BE REPLACED FROM PROCUREMENT IN 12-15 MONTHS.

2. FYI: THE AMMUNITION THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING FOR DIVERSION WOULD BE DESTINED FOR BURMA, WHICH HAS A REQUEST TO BUY EXCESS U.S. 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND AMMUNITION. THE
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BURMA ARMY IS CURRENTLY AT A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST BETTER EQUIPPED BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY FORCES AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SHAN STATE. THE NEED IS URGENT AS THERE IS ACTUAL ENGAGEMENT AT PRESENT TIME WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS PROPOSED TRANSACTION IS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPORTANT TO OUR EVOLVING RELATIONS WITH BURMA. IN ADDITION, THE GUB WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE

EFFECTIVE USE OF THE WEAPONS WITHOUT HE AMMUNITION. END FYI.

3. THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING THIS TRANSACTION WITH THE
BURMESE IS THE 31ST OF MARCH. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE EMBASSY RESPONSE. VANCE

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